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E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: ENRG, NNUC, TECH, JA

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR REPROCESSING: JAPANESE SOUND OUT USG  
RE UNO VISIT, FUTURE PROGRESS

1. DCM SEIYA NISHIDA MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH DEPUTY TO UNDER SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, JOSEPH NYE, AFTERNOON JULY 18 UNDER MOFA INSTRUCTION TO INQUIRE ABOUT FUTURE COURSE OF NON-PROLIFERATION DISCUSSIONS AND TO SOUND OUT USG ON IDEA OF EARLY VISIT HERE BY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR SOSUKE UNO. NISHIDA ALSO ASKED ABOUT NUCLEAR DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND IMPACT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BREEDER DECISION ON FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM. NISHIDA ALSO WAS REASSURED THAT US AND JAPANESE NEGOTIATING LEVELS WERE SYMMETRICAL.

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2. RE TIMING OF FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, NYE RESPONDED THAT, IN LIGHT OF NEED TO PROCESS JOINT TEAM REPORT HERE AND AMBASSADOR SMITH'S HEAVY SCHEDULE, IT WOULD BE AUGUST 16 AT EARLIEST BEFORE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE RESUMED IN TOKYO.

3. RE UNO VISIT, NYE RESPONDED THAT WE NEEDED TO PROCEED CAREFULLY AS FINAL DECISION ON US SIDE WOULD BE MADE BY

PRESIDENT HIMSELF. HE NOTED THAT REPORT PROCESSING AND KEY PERSONNEL SCHEDULES WOULD NOT PERMIT FURTHER PROGRESS BEFORE

MIDDLE AUGUST AND SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH MAY BE ABLE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR TOGO BEFORE THEN BUT THAT AN EARLY VISIT BY UNO MIGHT NOT BE PRODUCTIVE.

4. NISHIDA EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN NYE MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH WOULD NOW BE PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE -- NOT MR. SCHLESINGER. NYE EXPLAINED BACKGROUND, INCLUDING SCHLESINGER'S DESIRE TO STEP OUT OF DAY-TO-DAY NEGOTIATING ROLE. NISHIDA STATED THAT UNO IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT HIS COUNTERPART IS SCHLESINGER AND ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR SMITH WAS ALSO CABINET LEVEL. NYE REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE, POINTING OUT THAT LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATOR WAS AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ELIOT RICHARDSON, WHO HAS PROBABLY HELD MORE CABINET POSTS THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN. HE ALSO NOTED THAT AMB. SMITH HAD BEEN HEAD OF AGENCY. NYE SUGGESTED THAT SCHLESINGER MIGHT BE ABLE TO APPEAR AT CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, IF THIS SHOULD PROVE USEFUL.

5. NISHIDA ALSO ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR MATTERS DURING RECENT SCHMIDT VISIT AND WHETHER EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH BREEDER PRODUCTION/EXPORT HAD ADVERSE IMPACT ON FUEL  
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CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM. NYE REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH SCHMIDT BUT THAT DETAILS WERE LEFT TO AMBASSADOR SMITH'S TRIP TO FRG. RE EC DECISION, NYE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT AS US HAD NEVER ATTACKED BREEDER PROGRAM PER SE. HE THEN EXPLAINED US POLICY RE BREEDER IN DETAIL, PROVIDING NISHIDA WITH COPY OF HIS HOUSTON SPEECH ON THIS SUBJECT.

6. NISHIDA SAID HE WOULD PASS ON CONTENT OF DISCUSSIONS TO TOKYO. HE MENTIONED THAT NUCLEAR MATTER WAS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE IN JAPAN AND THAT HE WAS USING HIS MEETING WITH ILO PEOPLE ON LABOR MATTER AS COVER STORY FOR JAPANESE PRESS FOR HIS VISIT TO DEPARTMENT 7/18. (HE APPARENTLY DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS MEETING IN ANY WAY.) VANCE

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